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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

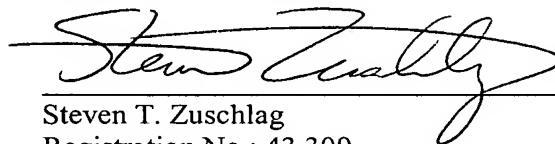
The Final Office Action dated June 6, 2007 and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has canceled rejected Claims 10, 12 and 13 which, when considered with the remarks set forth below, are deemed to place the case with Claims 1, 3-4 and 8-9 in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-4 and 8-9 have been allowed. Claims 10, 12 and 13, however, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,931,110 to Bates, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,315,649 to Foster, et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,529,593 to Nelson.

In response, Applicants have simply canceled the rejected Claims 10, 12 and 13. Accordingly, it is believed that the application with Claims 1, 3-4 and 8-9 is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of the application with Claims 1, 3-4 and 8-9 are respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would assist in moving the application toward allowance, he is respectfully invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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